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GOP lists 70 questions so far in Clinton trial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concluding the first phase of President Clinton's impeachment trial, his lawyers are urging senators to reject allegations of legal wrongdoing and focus on "the big picture" — an attempt by a married man to hide an extramarital affair.

For their third and final day of oral presentations to rebut perjury and obstruction of justice charges, the Clinton team is combining the methodical arguments of private lawyer David Kendall with the oratory of Dale Bumpers. Bumpers, a former Democratic senator from Arkansas and longtime friend of Clinton, is known as a gifted public speaker.

Once Bumpers finishes, senators who have been forced under trial rules to sit in uncharacteristic silence will have another unfamiliar task — submitting questions in writing to Chief Justice William Rehnquist, who as presiding officer will read them and ask the lawyers and House prosecutors to respond.

The questioning is expected to begin Friday and continue Saturday. Some 70 questions have been submitted by Republicans so far, a GOP spokesman said today.

The question period may be the phase of the trial conducted in a bipartisan spirit. Subsequent motions to dismiss the case and call witnesses such as former White House intern Monica Lewinsky likely will break down largely along party lines.

Republicans have said they oppose dismissal and support the need for limited live testimony from key witnesses such as Ms. Lewinsky, Clinton friend Vernon Jordan and presidential secretary Betty Currie — and should get their way with a 55-45 majority.

However, with a two-thirds majority needed to make Clinton the first president evicted from his job, Democrats hold the votes for acquittal and show no signs of backing a move to remove him from office.

Republicans know the trial is unpopular with Americans. Clinton's job approval ratings rose after his State of the Union address Tuesday night, ranging from 66 percent in an ABC poll to 72 percent in a CBS survey to 76 percent for NBC.

One well-known conservative Republican, evangelist and broadcaster Pat Robertson, said Clinton pulled off such a public relations coup in the address that there is no chance he will be convicted. "They might as well dismiss this impeachment hearing and get on with something else," he said on "The 700 Club" broadcast.

Bumpers was chosen to make the argument that the House case was a "partisan rush to judgment" that doesn't meet with the "higher duty the Senate has always had," an adviser to the White House said Wednesday. Bumpers, who retired this year after 24 years in the Senate, also was chosen because he can talk ex-senator to senator, the adviser said.



COURTNEY AND A LITTLE LAMB — Three-year-old Courtney Pollard got a lamb's eye view Wednesday during the weigh-in for the Scurry County Junior Livestock Show. Judging gets underway at 5 p.m. today beginning with hogs. Steers will be judged Friday beginning at 6 p.m. followed by lambs and goats. (Staff Photo By Joyce May)

THE SDN COLUMN

By Roy McQueen

The feller on Deep Creek says, "Proof that Americans are slow learners: 35 percent of people who use personal ads for dating are already married."

The new year marked a first for Scurry County. When Chloanne Lindsey was sworn in as precinct 4 county commissioner, she became the first female member of the commissioners court.

There is now speculation that Elizabeth Dole will run for president, but women holding elected offices in Scurry County is not new.

Hoyt Pylant brought us an interesting newspaper clipping. It is undated, but we have to assume it was about 1924. The headline read, "Some of Fair Officers Seek Second Term." A second headline exclaimed, "They 'Run' West Texas County."

The caption under the picture read, "Pictured are Scurry County women, four of whom hold public office and two others seeking election.

"Miss Nealy Squyres is serving her second term as county superintendent of schools, and is the only one of the group not offering for relection.

"Next to her is Mrs. Edna B. Tinker, candidate for county clerk, who is opposing the incumbent, Mrs. Kate Cotton. In the bottom row are Miss Ida Kelly, county treasurer; Miss Annie Hall, candidate for superintendent of schools; and Miss Jean Griggs, district clerk."

The Fort Worth newspaper was impressed with the number of women office holders in Scurry County and had this to say:

"Snyder, Texas - Where today the gentle footsteps of women come and go, transacting business for the people, years ago wild buffalo roamed and Indians fought.

"For the site where now stands Scurry County's new courthouse is a spot of history and romance, but none of the historical episodes of the past can compare with today's demonstration that women of the present are capable to carry on official government business in the capacity of public office holders.

"Four important offices in the courthouse are held by women. Three of them seek re-election, and one of the trio is opposed by another member of her sex."

Over the years the unusual moved from gender to party affiliation. It wasn't that many years ago that only Democrats ran and were elected.

If our count is correct, today there are nine Republican county officials and five Democrats. Can't help but wonder what the new novelty will be.

Investigation into robbery continues

Snyder Police are investigating a report of an aggravated robbery involving juveniles.

The call came in at 5:44 Wednesday afternoon with a woman requesting an officer in the 1000 block of 16th Street in reference to a juvenile with a gun in the alley behind her house.

Officers responded and an offense report for aggravated robbery was filed.

Sgt. Terry Luecke said the matter is still under investigation and had few details to release.

"We are looking into what happened. We are still trying to sort everything out," Luecke said.

He did say the incident involved possibly more than one juvenile.

Annual Scurry County stock show gets underway today at coliseum

It's show time for hogs as the annual Scurry County Junior Livestock Association Show and Sale opens this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Hogs will be shown today, while steers, lambs and goats will be shown Friday beginning at 6 p.m.

Steers were scheduled to begin weighing-in at 1 p.m. today.

The presentation of awards is set for noon Saturday.

The annual show is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The Snyder FFA will operate a concession stand during the show.

Dale Schaffner will again serve as the hog judge, and Mike Mauldin of Ballinger will serve as the steer judge.

Ross Stultz of San Angelo will judge the lambs and goats.

Stultz also judged the show last year.

Tommy Marricle will head the auction beginning at 1 p.m.Saturday, and more than 100 animals are expected to be featured.

Rick Miller serves as the president of this year's show, while Tim Collier is the vice president.

Jennifer Voss returns as secretary and Keith Hackfeld will again serve as treasurer.

Other directors of the show are Johnny Joe Eicke, Tim Huddleston, Billy Grimmett and Jim Judah.

Serving as show advisors are ag teachers from Snyder, Hermleigh and Ira school districts.

Serving from the Snyder FFA are David Frazier and Jason Whitney, while Richard Smith is from Hermleigh FFA.

Richard Long will represent the Ira FFA, while Greg Gruben will serve as the 4-H advisor.

Investigation continues into abduction report

Sheriff Darren Jackson said this morning that deputies have not located a vehicle fitting the description of the one in a report of the attempted abduction of a 20-year-old Snyder woman.

Karrah Nicole Griswold told Deputy Sheriff Maurice Herridge Monday night that a "yellowish, green" two-door vehicle pulled beside her while she was walking, and two white males tried to force her into their vehicle.

The incident occurred shortly after 10 p.m. Monday as she walked along Gary Brewer Road after her vehicle broke down near her home.

Scurry County farm is among those to be honored in Austin

Agriculture Commissioner Susan Combs will recognize 102 farm and ranch honorees — including a Scurry County family — during Friday's annual Family Land Heritage ceremony in Austin.

Sponsored by the Texas Department of Agriculture, the ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. in the Lyndon Baines Johnson Auditorium on the University of Texas campus.

Being recognized from Scurry County is the Richardson Farm located east of Dunn.

Attending the ceremony from Scurry County will be Anne von Roeder, Mary Alice Dunn, Judy Gebben and John Richardson, all children of Ollie and Maurine Richardson. Also attending will be many of their grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The family has owned and operated the land continuously for almost 111 years.

The Friday ceremony marks the 24th year for the program with more than 3,300 farms and ranches throughout Texas already receiving the designation.

"Today's success in Texas agriculture is the result of years of dedication by the hard-working families recognized by the Family Land Heritage Program," Combs said.

During the ceremony, farms and ranches from 68 counties will receive Family Land Heritage certificates. Mason County and Reagan County have the most honorees this year with seven qualified applicants each.

The Ingram Ranch, founded in 1838 in Bastrop County, is the oldest property being recognized this year.

Cast members of the Fort Griffin Fandangle, a historic musical production from Albany, will perform at the honors ceremony.

Commissioner Combs, who is scheduled to visit Snyder and Scurry County next Thursday, will also speak at Friday's event.



Richardson's farm to be recognized in Austin ceremony

Sen. Haywood receives committee appointments

State Sen. Tom Haywood has received his committee assignments for the 76th Legislative session and he will be serving on the Nomination, State Affairs and Natural Resources committees.

The assignments were made by Lt. Gov. Rick Perry.

In addition, the Republican senator from Wichita Falls has been re-named the chairman of the Sub-Committee on Agriculture, within the Natural Resources Committee.



Sen. Tom Haywood

"I'm very excited about these appointments," Haywood said. "There is much work to be done in all of these areas and retaining my chairmanship from the Lt. Governor is a great honor. I am anxious to begin work with my colleagues for a successful 76th session."

Haywood served on the nominations and natural resources committees during the last legislative session, but not state affairs.

As the second most powerful committee in the Senate, after Senate Finance, State Affairs deals with the inner workings of the state's business.

Haywood was elected to his second term in the Texas Senate this past November by garnering over 62 percent of the votes cast in District 30 in his race against former Bowie mayor Greg Underwood.

District-wide, voters cast 82,984 votes for Haywood, and 49,475 for Underwood.

Haywood captured 67.1 percent of the votes in Scurry County.

ASK US

Q—In reference to the cable system not having room to add channels, what about those that just show a "blue" picture now?

A—As part of the company's franchise agreement with the city, those channels are reserved for the school district, WTC and the city.

FORECAST - ALMANAC

Snyder Temps: High Wednesday, 79 degrees; low, 39; 7 a.m. Thursday, 45; no precipitation.

Area Forecast: Wind, blowing dust advisory today. Tonight, partly cloudy, windy. Low 35-40. West-NW wind 20-30 mph, gusty. Friday, partly cloudy, windy. High, lower 50s. NW wind 20-30 mph, gusty.

Vallie Foreman
Partly Cloudy

Sunset:
6:08 p.m.
Sunrise:
7:41 a.m.
Of 20 days in 1999, the sun has shone 20 days in Snyder.

TODAY'S THOUGHT

"If there is no dull and determined effort, there will be no brilliant achievement."

Hsun tzu

Joint chiefs: Clinton defense hikes too small

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers have told the nation's top military commanders not to count on any savings in the near future from additional base closings.

Even though President Clinton plans to ask for another round of closings in the budget he sends Congress next month, "he's not going to get a base closing bill. We were burned once. We're not going to be burned again," Rep. Curt Weldon, R-Pa., said Wednesday.

Also at the House Armed Services Committee hearing on the state of military readiness, the chiefs of the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines, along with Gen. Henry Shelton, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said the $12 billion in extra military spending the president is proposing falls short of meeting many pressing Pentagon needs.

In his State of the Union address on Tuesday, Clinton reiterated his intention to request $12 billion in increased Pentagon spending in his fiscal 2000 budget, part of a plan to spend $110 billion over the next six years.

Shelton said the $12 billion "will go a long way toward meeting our most critical requirements." But, he added, it falls short of the $20.1 billion in increased spending the services believe they need next year.

"Readiness is very fragile and the indicators are not good," said Adm. Jay L. Johnson, chief of naval operations.

Like the other military chiefs, Johnson voiced support for the administration request — but also made it clear he would not mind one bit if Congress wanted to throw some more money the Navy's way.

"The administration understands our issues and is working hard to assist us, but congressional help will also be crucial," Johnson said in prepared testimony. "Your enduring support is greatly appreciated."

Gen. Charles Krulak, commandant of the Marine Corps, cautioned: "If we are going to maintain our technological advantage in defense, we simply must modernize the force."

Overall, the Pentagon chiefs have told Congress they need about $150 billion more over the next six years, instead of the additional $110 billion Clinton has proposed.

Committee Republicans complained that, of the $12 billion for next year, only about $4 billion would be in real new money. The remaining $8 billion would come from savings due to lower inflation and lower fuel costs. "I hope the budget contains real spending increases to apply against real shortfalls," said the committee chairman, Rep. Floyd Spence, R-S.C.

The White House has said that Clinton will ask Congress to approve two new rounds of base closings — one in 2001 and another in 2005.

But lawmakers still are reeling from earlier rounds in 1991, 1993 and 1995 that shut down 70 bases.

Republicans are also suspicious of the administration's commitment to the base-closing process, which was established in an effort to take politics out of the system by having an independent commission make binding recommendations.

They accused the White House of improperly intervening in this process last year to keep defense jobs in California when McClellan Air Force Base in Sacramento closes — and fulfill a 1996 re-election campaign promise made by Clinton in the state.

Rep. Joel Hefley, R-Colo., told the service chiefs to detail exactly which bases they think are wasteful and should be closed.

The chiefs talked generally about excess infrastructure, but none presented any specific proposals to the panel.

Meanwhile, three Senate advocates of base closings — Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., Carl Levin, D-Mich., and Charles Robb, D-Va — introduced a bill in the Senate to authorize rounds of base closings in 2001 and 2003.

"We can continue to maintain a military infrastructure that we don't need, or we can provide the necessary funds to ensure our military can fight and win future wars," McCain said in a statement. "Every dollar we spend on bases we do not need is a dollar we cannot spend on training our troops, keeping personnel quality of life at an appropriate level, maintaining force structure, replacing old weapons systems and advancing our military."

Tobacco states heap scorn on Clinton lawsuit, tax proposals

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Tobacco company executives and officials in states dependent on the crop had nothing but scorn for President Clinton's threatened lawsuit against cigarette makers and an increased tobacco tax.

"This industry is under siege," Kentucky Gov. Paul Patton said Wednesday. "There's a limit to what this product can bear, and we're coming close to that limit."

Patton was among representatives from 11 tobacco states and four companies who discussed Clinton's speech as they met in Durham to work out plans for a $5.15 billion trust fund to assist farmers hurt by the settlement of state lawsuits.

In his State of the Union speech Tuesday night, Clinton said the federal government would follow the lead of states and sue tobacco companies to recover health care costs of treating sick smokers.

States won $246 billion, mostly through lawsuit settlements, plus new restrictions on tobacco ads and other industry practices. Federal attorneys have studied the states' strategy.

Administration officials insisted Wednesday that the decision was made after they determined the government has legal grounds to make its case.

Tommy Payne, senior vice president of R.J. Reynolds, said Clinton apparently wants "more money from the industry and some political gain from the industry."

"The federal government already makes more money per pack on cigarettes than the companies make," he said. "The federal government makes 24 cents per pack, and R.J. Reynolds makes 9 or 10 cents."

Phil Carlton, a tobacco industry lawyer, said the companies would fight any federal suit "to the last day."

"If there's any federal lawsuit, if new taxes are added by Congress, it will have a terrible impact on the industry," he said. Cigarette makers called the potential federal suit "political."

Administration officials say the lawsuit is independent from Clinton's push to pass tobacco legislation in Congress, but they acknowledge a pending suit could put increased pressure on the industry to cut a deal.

The government released few details about the upcoming lawsuit, which is meant to recover tax dollars spent treating sick smokers in Medicare, the Defense Department, Veterans Affairs, federal employee health benefits and other federal programs.

Soldier sentenced in botched killing

KILLEEN (AP) — A Fort Hood soldier was sentenced Wednesday to 40 years in prison for his role in a 1997 double murder.

Spc. James Green III, who had pleaded guilty to premeditated murder and conspiring with others to commit murder, received the 40-year prison term in exchange for testifying against an alleged gang leader.

Green testified that Spc. Jacqueline Billings planned to have a nightclub owner killed, but that he and other triggermen killed the wrong men.

Robert Davidson, 31, and Dorian Castillo, 21, were killed. The shooting occurred at the house of the intended target, Basel Maaz, Green said.

Ms. Billings was convicted by a jury for her role in the murders and a robbery and was sentenced to 27 years in prison. According to testimony at the trial, she was the leader of a regional gang known as Gangster Disciples or Growth and Development.

During Wednesday's sentencing, Maj. Michael Mulligan, chief of military justice at III Corps, said Green provided valuable testimony that helped in the court-martial of Billings. Mulligan said Green broke the gang's code of silence.

Before being sentenced, Green addressed the court and the family of the slain Castillo and asked for his family's forgiveness, the Killeen Daily Herald reported.

Steve Young holds the record for completing six touchdown passes in one Super Bowl.

Astro-graph

By Bernice Bede Osol



Your Birthday

Friday, Jan. 22, 1999

In the year ahead, a marked improvement could take place that will contribute to your material well-being. This major trend could allow you to establish a sound savings program for the future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Even though you're a creative and imaginative person in your own right, transforming the basic ideas of others into something better will be your greatest asset today. Get a jump on life by understanding the influences that'll govern you in the year ahead. Send the required refund form and for your Astro-Graph predictions by mailing $2 to Astro-Graph, c/o this newspaper, P.O. Box 1758, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to state your zodiac sign.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) There's a possibility today that something pleasing could develop with your career and financial position. Look for a chance to profit in both areas.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Provided you strive for achievement in a methodical and practical manner, today's favorable aspects will gratify your hopes and expectations.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Operate on all levels with an open mind today, because there's a chance that something your casually involved with could turn out to have many benefits for you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Strive to do something new today that you've been thinking about but have yet to try, especially those of a recreational nature. You need a break from your usual routine.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Because your ambitions will be in balance with your abilities, the probability of fulfilling your practical objectives are better than usual today.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Expressing yourself creatively or artistically in your projects will give you the gratification that you're seeking today. Try to utilize your talents in all that you do.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If you've been contemplating making some changes in an area you believe could produce benefits for you, do so today. Present timing is favorable for this type of action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) First, show others today that you're willing to be cooperative and they will be supportive of you in return. Setting a good example is inspirational and wise.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) If you're alert today, you'll recognize the signals of something unique developing. It could make an endeavor you're presently working on more attractive and profitable for you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Without anybody's feelings being slighted, you'll be able to deal with a delicate situation today in a manner that will serve everyone's best interests.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) A personal acquisition could be in the stars for you today. You may find that you are the recipient of something that is of little worth to someone else, but of substantial value to you.

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LIONS GIFT — Snyder Lions Club presented a monetary gift to the Girl Scouts, accepted by Peggy Vernon, local service unit chairman of the West Texas Girl Scout Council. County Judge Ricky Fritz, Lions president, presented the $400 check. The Snyder Lions Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Martha Ann Woman's Club. (Staff Photo by Jo Ann Nunley)

Bridge

By Phillip Alder



North 01-21-99
♠ A 7 6
♥ A 8 4
♦ A Q J 4
♣ A Q 10

West
♠ 10 8
♥ 10 9 6 5 2
♦ 6 2
♣ J 8 5 3

East
♠ K 9 4 2
♥ Q J 7 3
♦ 10 9 7 5 3
♣ ---

South
♠ Q J 5 3
♥ K
♦ K 8
♣ K 9 7 6 4 2

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

South	West	North	East
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♦	Pass
1 ♠	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 ♥	Pass
3 NT	Pass	7 NT	All pass

Opening lead: ♥ 5

The original auction followed my route until three no-trump. (Two hearts was fourth-suit forcing, just showing game-forcing values — a standard agreement in the tournament world. Three hearts asked South to bid three no-trump with at least half a stopper in hearts — an unusual treatment.) After that, Madsen made several artificial bids before selecting seven no-trump.

At first glance, there are 13 top tricks: one spade, two hearts, four diamonds and six clubs. Even if an opponent has all four missing clubs, the jack can be captured. However, the heart lead made a dent in South's communications.

Not being blessed with X-ray vision, Brondum led a low club to dummy's ace at trick two, getting the bad news. Now Brondum needed two hand entries: one to permit a finesse of dummy's club 10, and a second to get back to cash the last three club winners. But he had only one: the diamond king. What would you have done?

Brondum might have cashed the spade ace, in case the king was a singleton. Instead, he called for the diamond four, and when East played low (Madsen says it was early Sunday morning), Brondum put his eight onto the table! When it won, he claimed.

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Looking for a younger partner

By Phillip Alder

It is fun playing in junior events. But eventually you become too old. Well, Morten Lund Madsen isn't too old, but last year his brother, Lars, edged past the cutoff point. Freddi Brondum, who moved into the vacant chair, found a nerve-tingling play in this deal from the Danish Junior Pairs Championship.

Legislators don't want to share their space with a dog

JACKSON, Miss. (AP) — Mississippi legislators may work like dogs, but that doesn't mean they want to share the Capitol with one.

The state's first pooch, Lance, has become a regular at the Capitol, trailing around Gov. Kirk Fordice at meetings and posing for pictures.

But there have been the occasional mishaps, including doggy poop left behind in offices. Now Lance's privileges are causing a stink with Sen. Alice Harden, who is proposing a ban on all pets in the Capitol except dogs for the sight-impaired.

"It's really inconsiderate," said Harden, a Democrat. "What if everybody brought their 12 chickens here?"

Fordice, a Republican, immediately defended his 2-year-old dog.

"Most people in Mississippi are pet lovers and certainly don't object to a dog that can behave himself," he said.

Other lawmakers came to Lance's defense.

"I'd rather have the dog in the Capitol than the governor," said Democratic Rep. Steve Holland. "Maybe we ought to reverse that and kick the governor out and keep the dog."

Franco Harris holds the record for career Super Bowl rushing yards with 354 yards in four Super Bowls.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY

Al-Anon brown bag; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; noon to 1 p.m.

Horseshoe Pitching For Fun; houseshoe courts, located at the coliseum; everybody welcome, for further information, call 573-9762; 3 p.m.

Just For Today NA; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Deep Creek Cloggers lesson; American Legion; 6:30 to 8 p.m.

New Horizons AA, closed meeting; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Nuestra Nueva Esperanza AA; Park Club; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

FRIDAY

Free blood pressure clinics; Senior Citizens Center; 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Blood pressures will be taken at Cogdell Hospital Home Health Services, 1800 Cogdell Blvd., Suite B; 1-2 p.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Cornelius-Dodson House; open by appointment, call 573-9742.

Just For Today NA; Snyder Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 6 p.m.

Scurry County AA, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 8 p.m.

Al-Anon; Park Club in Winston Park, 37th and Ave. M; for information, call 573-4203, 573-8626, 573-2101 or 573-0695; 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

People Without Partners; Inadale Community Center; games of 42 and dominos; 6:30 p.m.

Just For Today NA, open meeting; Park Club; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 7 p.m.

SUNDAY

Scurry County AA, open meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-8626, 573-9458 or 574-1292; 10 a.m.

ABCL Open Pairs Duplicate Bridge; Snyder Country Club; 1:30 p.m.

Just For Today, closed meeting; Park Club in Winston Park; for information, call 573-0949 or 573-8018; 5 p.m.

The average ticket price at Super Bowl 32 was $275.00.

Nutrition By Ed Blonz, PH.D.

Should I take iron after menopause?

By Ed Blonz, Ph.D.

DEAR DR. BLONZ: I have heard that women going through — or following — menopause should not take iron supplements in multi-vitamins (usually 18 milligrams) or separately. Is this true? If so, why? — A.B., Walnut Creek, Calif.

DEAR A.B.: Iron is an essential nutrient throughout life, and a woman's requirement does indeed decrease after menopause. But you don't need to fear taking a supplement that contains iron, especially if that iron represents the main source in the diet. This being said, it's important to appreciate that iron has a bit of a "Jekyll and Hyde" personality. Let me explain:

The body needs iron to make hemoglobin, the oxygen-carrying compound in blood, as well as myoglobin, a related compound that handles oxygen in the muscles. When there's not enough iron, levels of hemoglobin and myoglobin decrease — and with them goes our primary method of producing energy.

The resulting condition is an iron-deficiency anemia, which is marked by fatigue, dizziness and a general "run down" feeling. These symptoms are often mistaken as normal side-effects of a stressful lifestyle.

Although anemia can be caused by a number of different factors, an iron-deficiency anemia is the most common type. Iron deficiencies are usually brought about by a lack of iron in the diet, an impaired absorption of dietary iron from the intestines or a loss of blood.

Women have a higher dietary requirement for iron than men because a small amount of iron is lost in the blood that leaves the body during menstruation. The Recommended Dietary Allowance (RDA) for a woman between the ages of 11 and 50 is 15 milligrams per day. Upon reaching menopause, the RDA for iron drops to a level comparable to that of an adult man — 10 milligrams per day. Unless there is a specific need, it is unusual for anyone to need more than the RDA of iron.

That 18 milligrams figure you cite is the "Daily Value," the reference amount used on food product and supplement labels. The Daily Value, which used to be called the U.S. RDA, is an older standard that has not been revised since 1968, when recommended daily allowances first appeared on the food label.

Iron's darker side comes from two potential problems: First, there is some speculation that excess iron could increase the risk of heart attacks, but such a connection does not appear to be solid. An iron nail will rust if left exposed to the elements, and this results from iron's ability to react with oxygen. Our bodies don't get rusty per se, but it was thought that the iron we eat could grab onto oxygen and then force it on nearby substances, such as fats or cholesterol. (It is these oxidized fats and cholesterol that are thought to be the real villains in heart disease.) Iron is rarely on its own in the body, however. In addition, a well-nourished body should have a daily supply of antioxidant nutrients: vitamins C, E, A, and the carotenoids. It's the responsibility of these nutrients to prevent the type of errant oxidation for which iron is being accused. It is yet another lesson on the wisdom behind eating fruits and vegetables.

Second, iron poses a serious threat to individuals who are born with a genetic iron-storage disease called hemochromatosis. With this disease, there is an inability to rid the body of excess iron — so it builds up, wreaking havoc on systems throughout the body. In the United States, about one in 10 people has a single gene for this condition, and one in 200 has both genes (to develop the full-blown disease, you have to have to receive the gene from both parents). It is the most common genetic disorder.

Hemochromatosis can be diagnosed with blood tests (transferrin saturation and serum ferritin) and there is a genetic test to see if you carry the gene. The condition is manageable through strict dietary control of iron-containing foods and periodic phlebotomy (blood donation). What is ironic is that an individual with hemochromatosis can also be anemic. If you have any questions about hemochromatosis, I encourage you to send for information from the American Hemochromatosis Society, 777 East Atlantic Avenue, Suite Z363, Del Ray Beach, FL 33483-5352 (include a number-10 envelope with two stamps). You can also seek information at their Web site: americanhs.org.

Send questions to: "On Nutrition," Ed Blonz, c/o Newspaper Enterprise Association, 200 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10016. For e-mail, address inquiries to: ed@blonz.com. Due to the volume of mail, personal replies cannot be provided.

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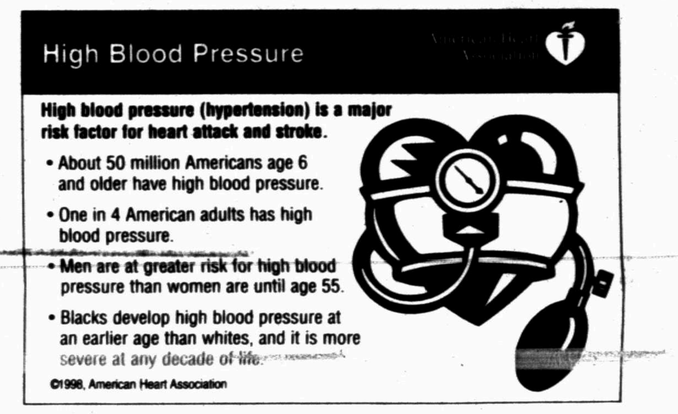
Sandler production

CULVER CITY, Calif. (AP) — Adam Sandler will co-produce a full-length animated film featuring a character based on himself, Columbia Pictures said.

The project, described as a musical comedy, is based on a Sandler idea and he will provide the character's voice, the studio said Wednesday.

Sandler, star of "The Waterboy" and "The Wedding Singer," will produce the film with partner Jack Giarraputo.

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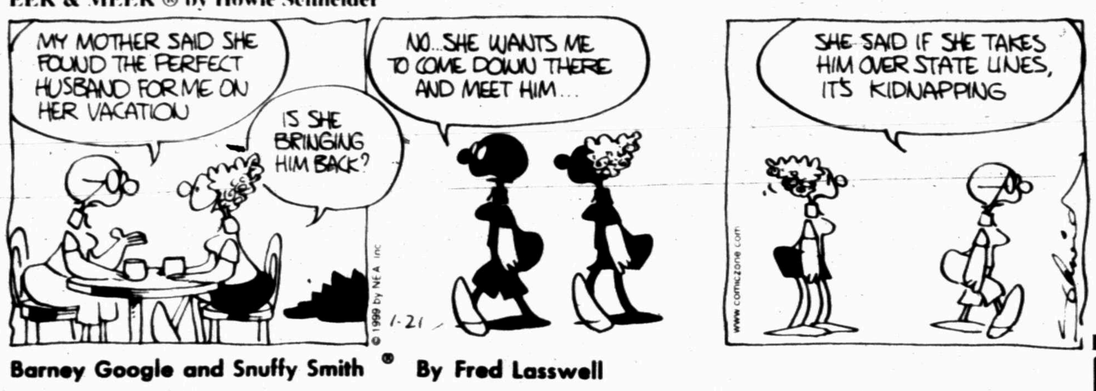
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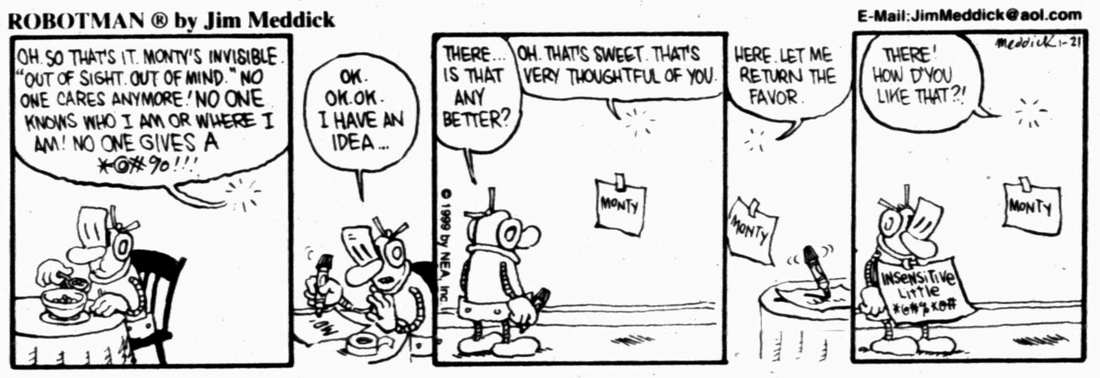


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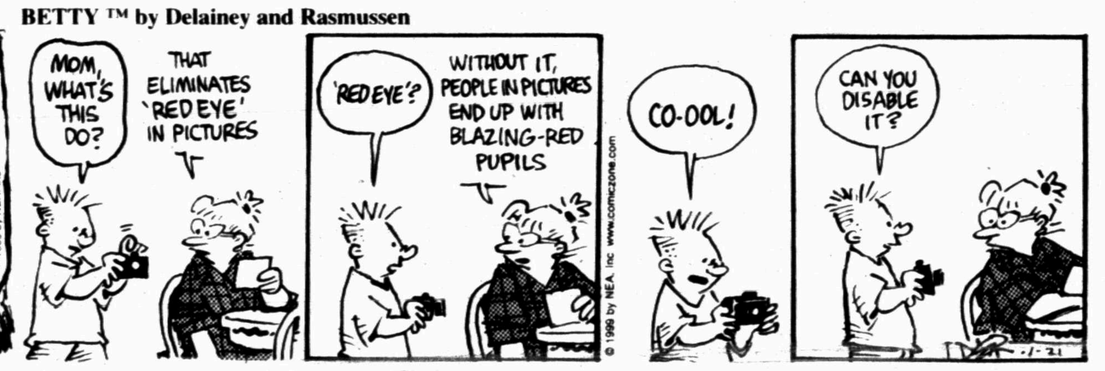
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6 Saving Private —
10 Kept under surveillance
12 Used a certain camera lens
14 Came to terms
15 More like squid fluid
16 Large snake
17 Year (Sp.)
19 Small whirlpool
20 Proverbs
23 Farm buildings
26 Wire measure
27 Extinct bird
30 Breakfast breads
32 Author Jacqueline —
34 Down — — (destitute)
35 Car part (2 wds.)
36 Mao — -tung
37 Prefix for pod
39 Ingress
40 Toward the ocean
42 Blemish
45 — Jima
46 Keystone character
49 Most docile
51 Original inhabitant
54 Makes very happy
55 Small hole
56 Formerly, formerly
57 — nous

DOWN

1 Injure with a knife
2 Villain in Othello
3 Italian currency
4 Sudsy brew
5 View
6 Actor Silver
7 Ox harnesses
8 Surrounded by
9 Require
11 1944 invasion date
12 Chaim Weizmann, for one
13 Waterless
18 Filch, old-style
20 Mediocre
21 Shrewd
22 Stickier
23 Photocopy
24 Electrified particles
25 Act like a stevedore
27 Trading center
28 — — about
29 Singer Williams
31 Narrow passages
33 Dispatch
38 Labor org.
40 Editors' words
41 First-rate (2 wds.)
42 Fr. holy woman
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46 Scot's attire
47 Above
48 Baseball's Rose
50 Collector's goal
52 Positive vote
53 Perfect score

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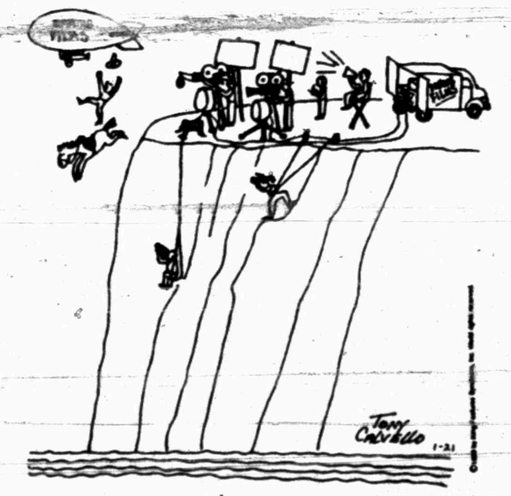


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SPORTS

WTC looks for second league win

After opening conference play against a pair of Top-25 teams last week, Western Texas is taking advantage of this week.

The Lady Dusters will be looking to even their conference mark at 2-2 tonight when they host last-place Frank Phillips JC at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum.

Western Texas toppled Clarendon on the road earlier this week, improving to 13-6 on the season and 1-2 in conference action.

Frank Phillips has yet to win a WJCAC tilt and enters the contest with a 5-13 overall record.

A victory tonight would keep the Lady Dusters in the top-half of the standings as the WJCAC race begins to sort itself out.

Frank Phillips fields a short line-up, with 6-1 sophomore Nicole Gutierrez representing the only heighth on the squad. No other Lady Plainsman stands above 5-10.

WTC's 6-2 post Pam Odhuong'o and 5-10 forward April Walker could dominate the action inside tonight.

Following this evening's match-up, the Lady Dusters travel to Odessa on Tuesday, before returning home next Thursday to host South Plains.



LEAPING LADY DUSTER— Western Texas guard Carrie Fincher jumps to defend a pass from Howard's Yolanda Grant, while teammates Crystal Williams (far right) and Kathy Tran give chase. The Lady Dusters will be looking to even their conference mark at 2-2 tonight when they host last-place Frank Phillips at 7:30 at Scurry County Coliseum. (SDN Staff Photo)

WJCAC Women

	Conference		Season	
Team	W	L	W	L
Midland	3	0	16	2
Howard	2	1	17	2
Odessa	2	1	13	3
South Plains	2	1	11	8
WTC	1	2	13	6
New Mexico	1	2	13	5
Clarendon	1	2	7	4
FPC	0	3	5	13

Monday's results: WTC 67, Clarendon 58; South Plains 58, New Mexico 53; Midland 74, Howard 69; Odessa 77, Frank Phillips 54.

Tonight's games: Frank Phillips at WTC; South Plains at Odessa; Clarendon at Midland; Howard at New Mexico.

Junior high girls sweep Lady Lions

Snyder's Jr. High girls kept their tournament momentum intact against Brownwood.

Snyder eighth grade Gold knocked off the Lady Lions, 35-27, while SJHS seventh grade ripped Brownwood, 40-18.

The eighth grade girls were coming off a tourney title over the weekend, while the seventh grade squad had secured a runner-up finish.

Snyder Black also fared well in tournament play, nabbing a third-place finish.

Against Brownwood, Afton Schwertner and Hailey Putnam poured in nine points apiece to pace SJHS eighth grade.

For Snyder seventh grade, Eric Burleson netted 10 points and Laura Arellano dropped in nine to to lead the way.

Snyder will be in action again Monday when it hosts Sweetwater, beginning at 5 p.m.

Eighth Grade

Snyder 35, Brownwood 27

Snyder: Afton Schwertner and Hailey Putnam, 9; Shelley Fisk, 7; Chaelyn Robinson, 4; Rachel Cave, 3; Zipporah Peoples, 2; Dara Chambers, 1.

Seventh Grade

Snyder Gold 40, Brownwood 18

Snyder: Eric Burleson, 10; Laura Arellano, 9; Andra Dunham, 5; Desiree Braziel and Priscilla Ybarra, 4; Sara Thornhill, Kelby Drum, Beth Clements and Gretchen Hollis, 2.

Snyder Gold 64, Brownfield 29

Snyder: Drum and Hollis, 10; Burleson, 9; Arellano, 7; Ybarra, Dunham and Misha Wofford, 6; Clements and Whittney Criswell, 4; Thornhill, 2.

Denver City 32, Snyder Gold 30

Snyder: Arellano, 10; Hollis, 8; Burleson, 4; Wofford, 3; Thornhill and Braziel, 2.

Frenship 44, Snyder Black 15

Snyder: Laura Calmes, 4; Katie Chandler, Amanda Whitson, Tasura Baze, Alexis Clawson and Sharday McKinney, 2; Megan Fletcher, 1.

Snyder Black 28, Brownfield 16

Snyder: Chandler, Acee French and Dominique Braziel, 6; Sara Crawford, 4; McKinney, 3; Fletcher, 2; Baze, 1.

Denver City 28, Snyder Black 24

Snyder: Chandler, 8; McKinney, 4; Braziel and Fletcher, 3; Crawford, Baze and French, 2.

A losing player earns $30,000.00 for the Super Bowl.

Rebounding rogue returns...

Rodman reverses decision

NEW YORK (AP) — Dennis Rodman decided he wasn't naked enough to quit playing.

Rodman, who for years has said he'll strip off his clothes before leaving the court in his last NBA game, said Wednesday he is not planning to sit out a year.

The NBA's most outrageous player posted a message on his Internet site announcing he has had enough of limbo. His agent, Dwight Manley, confirmed that the seven-time rebounding champion wants to return to professional basketball.

"I've been reviewing my options," Rodman wrote, "and those options still include playing in the NBA this season with a contender. Chicago, New York and L.A. are all cities I'd like to play in. Playing overseas could be pretty cool, too."

Rodman announced Tuesday he would sit out a year as rumors spread that he was about to be traded to the New York Knicks.

Rodman said he would elaborate on his change of heart Friday night on "The Tonight Show."

"OK, so here's the deal," Rodman's Web site message began. "I've had some long discussions with the people I love, the ones whose opinions matter most to me, and I've decided not to retire after all.

"I know yesterday I said I was history, and with the NBA lockout and everything going on, I really thought I should stop playing."

After going on about his supposed options in Chicago, New York and Los Angeles, Rodman wrote:

"There's one thing I have always told my fans I would do in my last game that I still haven't done. I'm sure you know what it is, but I still have to come back for at least one more game so that I can get buck naked on the court," Rodman wrote.

Manley, who had said he would no longer represent Rodman, said he spoke on the telephone with the player for 10-15 minutes Wednesday.

"It's true," Manley said of Rodman's change of heart. "Technically, I'm still his agent. There's nothing else I'm willing to say at this point."

Actually, anyone remotely familiar with Rodman's ways could have seen this un-retirement coming.

On Tuesday, hours after Manley said Rodman is finished with the game because he wants to go to Hollywood, Rodman backed off and said he was in a state of "limbo."

What remains to be seen is whether anyone is willing to bend over backwards to take another chance on him.

Manley said Tuesday there were several teams still interested in signing the wacky, 37-year-old Rodman, known for his ferocious workouts, frequent forays to Las Vegas and an ability to hit the boards that led to seven straight rebounding titles.

Manley refused to elaborate on those possibilities Wednesday night.

"I have nothing else to say on the subject," he said.

Rodman won championships with Chicago in 1996, 1997 and 1998, and titles with the Detroit Pistons in 1989 and 1990.

Lady Raiders tighten grip on Big 12 crown

LUBBOCK (AP) — No. 6 Texas Tech's 71-47 rout of No. 14 Iowa State should go a long ways towards securing a second consecutive Big 12 title for the Lady Raiders.

Tech (17-1, 6-0 Big 12 Conference), was tied with Iowa State, (13-2, 5-1) for first place, but the victory effectively puts Tech two games in front. If the teams end the season tied, Tech's victory Wednesday night would ensure the title goes to the Lady Raiders.

But players and coaches said the blowout meant more than just sole possesion of the lead.

"As the season goes on, these are the games you don't want to JUST win, but you want to come out and show you're improving," said coach Marsha Sharp. "And that you're ready to pursue post-season play. I think we showed that tonight as well as taking steps towards another championship."

The Lady Raiders showed defensive tenacity against a competent team for the first time this year, holding the Cyclones to just nine first half points.

Angie Braziel led the Lady Raiders with 14 points. Melinda Schmucker added 10 points and four steals.

Both teams were cold in the early going. Iowa State was a dismal 1-of-10 in the opening 5:11, while Tech hit just three of its first nine shots over the same stretch.

Tech took control after a 3-pointer by Schmucker with 15 minutes left, going on a 15-4 run.

Tech led 28-9 at the half.

Iowa State found the basket in the second half, hitting 13-of-24 (54 percent) to finish at 30 percent (16-of-52). Braziel scored 12 points during a 25-15 run, giving Tech a 53-24 lead with 8:53 left. Iowa State never threatened.

The average cost for one minute of TV advertising for Super Bowl 32 was $2,600,000.00.

UConn gets scare, remains unbeaten

By The Associated Press

And then there was one.

Top-ranked Connecticut edged No. 25 Miami 70-68 in overtime and No. 7 Kentucky handed No. 6 Auburn its first loss of the season, 72-62, Wednesday night, leaving UConn as the only unbeaten team in Division I.

The Huskies (16-0) got a major scare at Miami, which blew a chance to win when John Salmons missed a wide-open 3-point shot at the buzzer.

"The shot was off maybe a centimeter and a half, or we would have beaten the No. 1 team in the country," Miami's Mario Bland said.

Richard Hamilton scored 31 points for UConn, which had been winning by an average of 26 points.

"People wondered if we could win a close game," Hamilton said. "We showed them that we can."

Heshimu Evans had 20 points and nine rebounds as Kentucky beat Auburn for the 13th straight time.

Auburn (17-1) shot only 31 percent from the field and tied its season-low in points.

"Our team put everything we had into the game tonight," Tigers coach Cliff Ellis said. "We will be all right. It's a long season."

Auburn hadn't been undefeated this late in the season since 1958-59, when the Tigers started 19-0 and were ranked No. 2 in the country before losing at Kentucky 75-56.

In other Top 25 games, it was No. 2 Duke 82, Clemson 60; No. 8 St. John's 84, Providence 57; No. 13 UCLA 98, Southern California 80; No. 15 Wisconsin 75, Illinois 53; No. 17 Minnesota 76, Michigan 70; Alabama 67, No. 22 Arkansas 60; and No. 23 Oklahoma State 75, Baylor 47.

No. 2 Duke 82, Clemson 60

Elton Brand scored 17 of his 22 points in the second half as Duke won at Clemson.

The Blue Devils (18-1, 7-0 ACC), who led by only three points at halftime before taking command in the second half for their 13th straight victory. Clemson (12-7, 1-5) played without suspended starters Vincent Whitt and Johnny Miller and injured sixth man Tony Christie.

No. 8 St. John's 84, Providence 57

Erick Barkley scored 18 points and St. John's held Providence to its lowest point total of the season.

The visiting Red Storm (16-3, 7-1 Big East) won their fourth straight game and the 13th of their last 14 despite playing without leading rebounder Tyrone Grant, out with a broken wrist.

No. 13 UCLA 98, Southern California 80

Freshman reserve Ray Young scored 12 points, including nine straight at the start of the second half, as UCLA beat Southern California for the ninth straight time.

UCLA (13-4, 5-2 Pac-10), last in the Pac-10 in 3-point shooting, hit a season-high 10 shots from beyond the arc. USC (10-6, 2-5), which hasn't beaten the Bruins since 1994, have lost four in a row overall.

No. 15 Wisconsin 75, Illinois 53

Jon Bryant scored a season-high 17 points as Wisconsin routed visiting Illinois.

Bryant had five 3-pointers to help the Badgers (17-3, 5-2 Big Ten) overcome an off night by leading scorer Sean Mason, who got into early foul trouble and finished with only seven points, 12 below his average.

No. 17 Minnesota 76, Michigan 70

Quincy Lewis scored 30 points and Minnesota tied a Big Ten record by sinking its first 25 free throws.

The Gophers (12-3, 3-2), who entered the game as the league's second-worst foul shooting team at 64 percent, were perfect from the line until Miles Tarver missed a pair with 7:03 left. Minnesota finished 34-of-39 from the line. Louis Bullock led visiting Michigan (9-10, 3-3) with 33 points.

Alabama 67, No. 22 Arkansas 60

Jeremy Hays scored a season-high 24 points, including his first 3-pointer of the season, and Brian Williams added 21 as Alabama won at Arkansas.

Derek Hood led Arkansas (13-5, 3-3 SEC) with 18 points. Williams scored two baskets to trigger an 8-0 run that put Alabama (12-7, 2-4) ahead for good at 47-39.

No. 23 Oklahoma St. 75, Baylor 47

Oklahoma State went on a 33-4 first-half run and coasted to a victory over Baylor.

Desmond Mason scored 18 points and Adrian Peterson had 16 for the Cowboys (13-4, 5-1 Big 12). Kish Lewis had 22 points and 10 rebounds for Baylor (6-13, 0-6), which shot just 32 percent and committed 18 turnovers in losing its sixth straight.

NCAA Basketball Scores

EAST

Bucknell 63, Colgate 60
Lafayette 73, Lehigh 70
Massachusetts 63, St. Joseph's 55
Richmond 66, American U. 63
St. John's 84, Providence 57
Xavier 76, Fordham 56

SOUTH

Cent. Florida 82, Florida Atlantic 72
Connecticut 70, Miami 68, OT
Duke 82, Clemson 60
E. Tennessee St. 96, Belmont 95
Florida 77, LSU 58
Florida St. 74, Wake Forest 68
George Mason 77, Va. Commonwealth 68
James Madison 75, William & Mary 59
Kentucky 72, Auburn 62
Mississippi 81, Mississippi St. 68
N. Carolina A&T 73, N.C. Central 61
N. Carolina St. 77, Wofford 65
N.C.-Asheville 89, High Point 78
Old Dominion 76, N.C.-Wilmington 62
Tennessee 85, Georgia 69
Vanderbilt 77, South Carolina 66
Winthrop 81, Elon 72

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Akron 94, Ohio U. 87
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Saint Louis 69, South Florida 60
Wis.-Green Bay 60, Cleveland St. 57
Wisconsin 75, Illinois 53

SOUTHWEST

Alabama 67, Arkansas 60
Nebraska 96, Oklahoma 81
Oklahoma St. 75, Baylor 47

FAR WEST

CS Northridge 84, Sacramento St. 68
UC Santa Barbara 78, Cal Poly-SLO 75
UCLA 98, Southern Cal 80

Local Sports Schedule

TODAY

Basketball: Western Texas hosts Frank Phillips at Scurry County Coliseum, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY

Basketball: Snyder Lady Tigers host Lake View, JV at 4:30, varsity at 6 p.m.

Snyder Tigers host Lake View, 9th grade at 4:30, JV at 6 p.m., varsity at 7:30.

Hermleigh and Ira are open.

The American Football Conference is considered the home team at the Super Bowl.

Sports Briefs

Browns to hire Palmer

CLEVELAND (AP) — Chris Palmer spent all day meeting with Cleveland Browns executives in owner Al Lerner's office, and it appears he'll become the expansion team's coach.

Palmer, the offensive coordinator for the Jacksonville Jaguars, met with Browns president Carmen Policy, football operations director Dwight Clark and Lerner into the evening at Lerner's office in suburban Beachwood.

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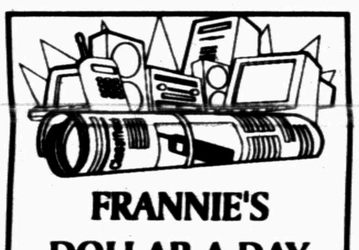
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Clinton detailing education proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Back home following a campaign-style trip to sell his 1999 legislative agenda, President Clinton is detailing education proposals aimed at helping schools hire more teachers and ensure they are qualified to teach.

White House spokeswoman Amy Weiss said the initiatives would enable schools to "attract talented, well-prepared teachers into our classrooms."

The education announcement, scheduled at a White House ceremony today, came one day after Clinton roadtested the plans for Social Security and other initiatives he laid out during his State of the Union address.

Joined by his wife, Hillary, Vice President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, Clinton asked parents packed into a gymnasium at Norristown (Pa.) Area High School if they would not prefer to use federal budget surpluses to shore up Social Security so the program did not become a burden for their children.

"Long after I'm gone from the White House," he said, turning to the youngsters, "you would have ... a better future."

Clinton is determined to use the expected surpluses to protect Social Security despite Republican calls for a tax cut.

Earlier in the day, the Senate impeachment trial of Clinton could not have seemed more remote as he, his wife and the Gores were welcomed enthusiastically by more than 20,000 people at Marine Midland Arena in Buffalo, N.Y.

"I thank you for one of the great days of my presidency," a smiling Clinton told the cheering crowd before lingering along the rope line to shake hands.

In his State of the Union address Tuesday night, Clinton called on all states to require new teachers to pass performance exams, and said instructors should have at least minored in the area they teach. Right now, 38 states require teachers to take tests to measure their knowledge before they can receive a teaching certificate.

Today's announcement included:

—A $200 million increase over this year's spending on Clinton's initiative to fund the hiring of 100,000 new teachers to reduce class size in grades one to three.

—$35 million for scholarships for outstanding students who pledge to become teachers in impoverished school districts — up from $7.5 million in fiscal 1999.

—$18 million to extend the Troops-to-Teachers program, which trains retired military personnel to teach in public schools.

Rules require open government

AUSTIN (AP) — Bills will be reviewed so they can be flagged if they restrict public access to government information or the transaction of public business — unless their lawmaker-authors certify they won't — under rules adopted by the Texas Senate.

The requirement will apply to all bills referred to Senate committees, including House and Senate measures, said Sen. Jeff Wentworth, R-San Antonio, who sponsored it.

The rules approved Wednesday also change the Senate's committee structure by trimming the number of members on various panels, eliminating a couple of committees and splitting Health and Human Services in two.

Most committee assignments haven't yet been announced.

It was Wentworth's "open government impact statement" proposal that triggered the most Senate discussion.

As initially proposed, it would have required all bills to be checked.

The Legislative Budget Board director would have to prepare an impact statement if a bill may reduce public access government information or to the transaction of public business. The statement would go to the head of the committee to which the bill is referred for consideration.

Supporters said there is overwhelming support in Texas for open records and open meetings.

Critics questioned the proposal's potential cost, whether it's proper to require such a statement through a rule rather than a bill approved by both the House and Senate, and suggested that news media groups supporting open government would save lobby fees through the requirement.

Wentworth then agreed to a change offered by Sen. Steve Ogden, R-Bryan.

Under it, the provision won't apply if the bill author certifies in writing that the measure doesn't reduce public access.

Wentworth said he didn't think the change weakened the provision, saying it puts lawmakers' reputations on the line.

While there is no sanction if a lawmaker falsely certifies there is no impact, he said, "People would doubt the accuracy of anything that member said in the future."

And, he told a reporter, "I think you all would just scald them in boiling oil in print."

M.J Nicchio, director of legislative and governmental affairs for Texas Daily Newspaper Association, said it was important to put the requirement in Senate rules because they take effect right away.

If a bill requiring such a statement were passed, he said, it wouldn't take effect until after this session ends.

"Now the public will know whenever the Legislature is attempting to change people's access to meetings and-or information. It's exactly what is needed," he said.

Bill eyes children's health insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — The state would help get health insurance for children whose families lose temporary financial assistance benefits under a House bill filed Thursday.

The bill would require the Department of Human Services to review a child's Medicaid status and determine his or her eligibility for other Medicaid categories when a family loses its state Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Texas has about 1.4 million uninsured children, said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Elliott Naishtat, D-Austin.

"We must eliminate any barriers that contribute to the inordinately high number of children without health coverage," he said.

Currently, many Texas children receiving Medicaid are eligible because their family receives TANF assistance. If a family loses those benefits, the children would lose their coverage even though they may be eligible under a different Medicaid category, Naishtat said.

"The most significant portion of 1.4 million uninsured children are those who are Medicaid eligible, but not enrolled in Medicaid. If we implement an automatic review and re-enrollment, where appropriate, we compliment our state's efforts to ensure that no child goes without health insurance," said Naishtat.

Justice seeking civil penalty from prospective U.N. envoy

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department officials want Richard Holbrooke, President Clinton's choice to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, to pay a civil penalty for alleged improper contacts with former colleagues in the government, officials said today.

The alleged conflict of interest was uncovered during an FBI investigation begun after Clinton announced his choice of Holbrooke for the high-profile diplomatic post seven months ago. The nomination has yet to be submitted to the Senate.

"There are negotiations under way that stem from our investigation," one Justice Department official said, requesting anonymity. "The negotiations (with Holbrooke and his attorney) are over a possible civil penalty for improper conflicts of interest." No criminal violations were uncovered by the FBI probe, officials said.

Another Justice official said the case involved Holbrooke's allegedly contacting former State Department colleagues sooner than the law allowed after he went to work in February 1996 for the investment banking firm of Credit Suisse First Boston in New York. Federal ethics laws limit the lobbying contacts that former officials can have for a period after leaving the government.

The penalty in such a case would likely be a fine of several thousand dollars.

The New York Times reported today that the FBI had cleared Holbrooke of allegations of improper contacts with U.S. Embassy officials in Hungary in 1995, but had questioned his contact with at least one U.S. Embassy employee in South Korea within months after Holbrooke's departure from the State Department.

Neither Holbrooke nor his attorney was immediately available to respond to the report from officials.

The Times quoted a friend of Holbrooke as saying the Korea contact was "ridiculously minor" and offered no financial reward for Holbrooke or his employer. Holbrooke's friends were quoted by the Times as saying he balked at paying a several-thousand-dollar fine because he believed he had done nothing wrong and because such a settlement might endanger his nomination.

White House officials said last month they hoped the investigations could be wrapped up early this year, and Holbrooke, chief architect of the 1995 Bosnia peace accord and recent settlement in Kosovo, cleared of any impropriety.

Clinton hasn't wavered in his support of Holbrooke, despite the delay.

"After the tremendous effort he did in Kosovo, the president is even more determined to make sure he takes up his spot at the United Nations as expeditiously as possible," White House spokesman David Leavy said last month.

Group highlights the best bets for graduated driver's licenses

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new study indicates that some graduated driver's license laws, which phase in the times and situations under which young people can drive, may save more lives than others.

The laws' most critical elements are restrictions on teenagers' nighttime driving and a requirement that an adult supervise the initial driving.

Traffic experts also believe it helps to ban or limit teen-age passengers and to withhold full driving privileges until a driver reaches age 18.

"Not all graduated systems are created equal, and not all will have the same benefits," Allan Williams, senior vice president of research at the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, said Wednesday.

The institute, in conjunction with the Traffic Injury Research Foundation in Canada, released research Wednesday that showed effects of the graduated driving law adopted by Florida in 1996.

It requires a six-month learner's period, bans driving by 16-year-olds between 11 p.m. and 6 a.m. and withholds full privileges until a driver reaches 18. All drivers below 21 are subject to a zero-tolerance policy on drinking and driving.

Since then, 23 other states have made varying changes to their laws. Most of the other 27 states and the District of Columbia are expected to debate an array of changes during their current legislative sessions. With the exception of California, which has already updated its teen-driving law, the majority of remaining states are west of the Mississippi River.

The Insurance Institute found that during 1997, the number of fatal and injury crashes involving 15- to 17-year-olds in Florida was 9 percent below what would have been expected without the licensing change.

Crashes declined most for 15-year-olds, the study found, and nighttime crashes involving those from 15 to 17 years old were 17 percent below what otherwise would have been expected.

The institute, a research group funded by insurance companies, found that there was no change in fatal and injury crashes in neighboring Alabama, which has yet to change its teen driving law.

"Both inexperience and immaturity contribute to high crash rates with young drivers," said Daniel Mayhew, senior vice president at the Traffic Injury Research Foundation. "Graduated systems can address both by delaying the age of full-license driving until 18."

Williams and Mayhew said that while the Florida study shows graduated licensing saves lives, the ideal system should have three phases: learner's, intermediate and unrestricted.

Under the learner's phase, driving should not begin until 16. During the next six months, a teen should have to complete 30 to 50 hours of driving with an adult, some of it at night.

Officials seize 9,500 pounds of cocaine

HOUSTON (AP) — Federal authorities have seized more than four tons of cocaine from a Panamanian-registered vessel at the Houston Ship Channel, U.S. Customs officials announced today.

The Coast Guard seized 9,500 pounds of cocaine during a routine inspection of the 550-foot freighter Cannes as it made its way from Brazil to Houston to deliver a shipment of iron ore.

Coast Guard officials boarded the vessel at sea last week, about 125 miles southwest of Jamaica, and escorted it to the ship channel, where it arrived Wednesday night.

After the Cannes captain gave his consent, the Coast Guard boarded the ship to make an inspection. The drugs were found during the search.

It is the largest cocaine seizure ever investigated in Texas by U.S. Customs.

The vessel's 24 crew members, most of whom are Ukrainian, were in federal custody and being interrogated. Of those, four people, including the captain have been arrested.

"I want to commend the aggressive effort of the U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Customs Service and the Drug Enforcement Administration for their tireless work in curbing the flow of illegal drugs," President Clinton said today.

Markets Midday — Stocks

NEWYORK(AP)

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AirTouch	97 11-16	96½	96 11-16—	1 3-16
Albertsons	59⅝	58 9-16	59	9-16+13-16
AlldSignal	41¼	40 3-16	40½—	7-16
Alltel	66⅛	65 9-16	65¼	
AmOnline s	153	139	144⅜—	3¼
AmStores	35 5-16	34½	35	5-16+13-16
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DeltaAirl s	52¾	51½	51⅝—	3-16
Dillards Inc	26¾	25¾	26½+	¼
DowChem	87 15-16	86 11-16	87⅞—	⅛
DuPont	55 9-16	54 13-16	55 9-16+1	1-16
EastmanChem	45½	44¾	44 15-16+	3-16
EstKodak	68⅛	67¼	68 1-16—	1-16
EDS Corp	53 1-16	51 11-16	52¼+11-16	
Entergy	30¼	29¾	29 13-16+	½
Exxon	71⅜	70 13-16	71½+	½
FstBksAm	19 5-16	19 5-16	19 5-16	
Flowers	22 15-16	22¾	22 11-16—	⅜
FordMotor s	64 5-16	63	63¾—13-16	
GTE Cp	67¾	66¼	67 —	⅛
GenDynam s	54 13-16	54¼	54 13-16+	1-16
GenElec	101¼	100	100 13-16+	7-16
GenMills	81¼	81 1-16	81½—	5-16
GenMotors	88 15-16	86¼	87 11-16—	1¼
GaPacGP	63¾	61 3-16	63 +13-16	
GlobalMar	9¾	9 5-16	9¾+	7-16
Goodrich	35 1-16	34¼	34½—	7-16
Goodyear s	48 15-16	48 7-16	48¼	
GtAtlPac	29 15-16	29¼	29¾—	3-16
Halliburtn	32¼	30 9-16	32 +1	3-16
Hanson ADS	35 13-16	35 3-16	35 3-16—	7-16
HarteHanks s	25¼	24¼	24 15-16+	¼
HomeDepot	57¼	56 13-16	57¼—	3-16
HoustonInds	31	3-16	30 15-16	31¼+ ⅜
IBM	198¼	193¼	194 11-16+	3-16
IntlPaper	47¾			
JohnsonJn	81¼	80½	81	
K mart	15¾	15 5-16	15¼+	9-16
Kroger Co	57	56 13-16	56¾—	3-16
Litton	60 3-16	59¾	59 15-16—	⅜
LockheedM s	38 15-16	38 5-16	38 11-16—	11-16
Lowes Cos s	52 7-16	51 7-16	51 9-16—	⅛
Lubys	15	3-16	15	15 3-16
LucentTech s	116 1-16	108 7-16	109¾—	6¼
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MediaOne	55 9-16	54	54 13-16+	1-16
Medtronic	69¼	68¼	68 7-16—	1 9-16
Mobil	86¾	85	86 9-16+1	1-16
Monsanto	41¼	39 7-16	40 1-16+	¼
MorganJP	108¼	107 1-16	107 5-16—	1¼
Motorola	71¼	69¾	71¼—	7-16
NCR Corp	52¼	51¼	52¼—	¼
Navistar	32¼	32 1-16	32¼+	⅛
OryxEngy	13¼	12 13-16	13¼+	5-16
Penney JC	39 11-16	38 15-16	39 1-16—	⅛
PennzEnergy s			15 3-16	1515
PepBoys	15¼	15 1-16	15¼+	1-16
PepsiCo	38 3-16	37⅞	37 15-16—	⅛
PhelpDodge	48⅛	47 1-16	47 11-16+	1-16
PhilipPet	40 15-16	40¾	40 13-16+	7-16
PilgrmPrd B	23 15-16	23 11-16	23 13-16+	⅛
Polaroid	18⅛	18 1-16	18 3-16—	7-16
Praxair	35 3-16	34 7-16	35 3-16+	⅛
ProctGamb	85¼	84 3-16	84 11-16—	1-16
PubSNwMx	19¼	19	19 1-16—	⅛
RoyalDut			45 44¼	44¼— 1-16
SBC Comm s	59	58 3-16	58 5-16—	3-16
SaraLee s	25½	25 5-16	25⅝—	9-16
Scripps EW			48 47¼	47¼— 1¼
SearsRoeb	43 1-16	41 9-16	41 13-16—	⅛
SherwinW			27½	2727¼
SmithKlBchm	73¾	70¼	72 15-16+	15-16
SouthernCo			28¼	2828⅛+ ½
SwstAirl s	27¾	26¼	26 13-16+	3-16
SprintFON n	80¼	79 7-16	79 15-16—	7-16
SprintPCS n	29¾	28 7-16	28⅜—	⅛
Sunoco Inc	35¾	34¼	35⅜+1	3-16
TNP Ent	36⅛	35 11-16	36¼+	½
Tandy	47 3-16	46	46 1-16—	3-16
TempleInland			61 59 9-16	61 + 1⅜
Tenneco	34 11-16		33¾ 34¼—	½
Texaco	51 15-16	51 1-16	51¾+	7-16
TexInd			27 26¼	26 7-16— ⅛
TexasInst	100¾	79¼	97¼—	1¾
TexUtil	44 15-16	44¼	44 13-16+	13-16
Textron			73 72¼	72¼— 2¼
TriconGlbR	47¾	47¼	47¼—	½
TrinityInds	37 5-16	37	37 3-16+	⅛
TritonEngy			7¼	77⅛+ 3-16
Tyler			4 13-16	4¾ 4¾
US West Inc	64 5-16	63¾	63¾—	⅛
USX-Marathn	29¾	28¼	29 5-16+	½
USX-USS	26 9-16	26	26 9-16+	½
UnCarbde	44 5-16	42¾	44 3-16+1	3-16
UnionPacif	51¼	49¾	50¾+1	15-16
UnitedTech	117¾	115 1-16	115¼+	3¼
Unocal	31¼	30¼	31⅛+	⅜
Venator Grp			6	5¾ 6
WalMart			81 79¾	81 + ¾
WellsFargo	37¼	36¼	36¾—	½
WstnGasRs			6¼	66
WinnDixie	44 5-16	43¼	44 5-16—	3-16
Xerox Corp	117¼	115½	115 15-16—	11-16

Officers file three reports

Three offense reports were filed Wednesday.

An offense report for threatened suicide was submitted at 6:43 p.m.

A woman requested officers at 7:25 p.m. in the 1700 block of Avenue I in reference to her two daughters, ages 14 and 15, not returning home. An offense report for runaway was filed.

Officers filed an offense report for assault/family violence at 8:13 p.m.

One arrest was made early this morning.

Officers arrested a 19-year-old male at 1:52 a.m. for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Hospital

ADMISSIONS: Rosa Bigham, Jimmy Bridges, Opalene Brown, Alex Luecke, Laverne Thompson, Maria Coronado, Cheri Hollis, Mary Janeke, Austin King, Shirley Minyard.

DISMISSALS: Mandy Sickler, Willie Thomas, Shirley Minyard, Vickie Tavarez, Bennie Wright.

CENSUS: 44 (Med., Surg.-17, Long-term Care-25, CCU-1, OB-1).

Speech's predictable bounce rough on GOP

By WALTER R. MEARS
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — They knew it was coming, but that does not spare Republicans the frustration of seeing President Clinton get the boost that always endows to the maestro in the State of the Union.

Especially after a scandalous year in which he has defied political gravity with performance ratings that went up as his personal standing went down.

And now with an impeached president again taking on issues bearing the GOP imprint. He is putting them in Democratic translations the Republicans will not buy but close enough that Clinton can say he is striving for civil bipartisanship.

Increased defense spending, the investment of Social Security funds in the stock market, a system of individual retirement accounts subsidized by the government.

That was Clinton aiming ideas toward the center, while he sought minimum-wage increases, targeted tax breaks, gun control and other steps looking toward his Democratic base.

All told, he had close to 60 proposals for legislation or budget increases that Congress would have to approve.

"It was just a wish list of a lot of things that people want to hear," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, a Utah Republican. He said it was no wonder the president's poll approval ratings bumped up overnight.

Actually, that capsule review could cover most State of the Union performances, not only those of this Democratic president. The annual ceremonial reports usually are lists immersed in rhetoric. They put the agenda of each president out front, although seldom to stay. Clinton's will not in the Republican Congress. But they deal with legislation piece by piece, away from the national stage in the confines of hearing rooms and drafting sessions.

AP analysis

Even when they are debated and voted in the House and Senate, the proceedings seldom command much attention outside the beltway. Legislating is dry, often dull work.

But on State of the Union night, the proposing of it is prime political theater, played to a vast television audience, perhaps 60 million. And at this point, it makes no difference that most of what he seeks will be overhauled or blocked by the Republicans who run Congress. That will happen piecemeal, later.

Clinton's job approval ratings went up in the polls after his 1998 State of the Union message — a week after the Monica Lewinsky investigation was disclosed.

Richard Nixon's poll standing bumped up past the two-thirds level after his State of the Union address in 1974, in which he set his agenda, said there had been enough of Watergate and pledged not to resign, as he finally did. But there was more to Watergate, and as that scandal wore on, into impeachment proceedings, his job approval steadily sank, to 23 percent at the point he finally quit.

There has been no such erosion in Clinton's approval, despite months of disclosures about the Lewinsky affair, his confession to it and to his own dishonesty, and then impeachment.

They have stayed high, higher than those of Dwight D. Eisenhower and Ronald Reagan at this point in their two-term presidencies.

His approval went up again in polls released Wednesday by ABC, CBS and NBC, past 70 percent in the latter two.

And before that State of the Union boost, Americans were telling pollsters that they did not want Clinton convicted by the Senate and thus ousted as president.

Dear Abby

By Abigail Van Buren



Daughter Tries to Speak Up And Gets Shot Down by Mom

Charles Haley has five Super Bowl rings - two with San Francisco and three with Dallas.

DEAR ABBY: This is to comment on your advice to "Emotionally Bruised," whose mother is supercritical. Do not assume that a calm, mature approach will make a difference. Years ago, I read advice similar to your reply to her in a magazine.

"Mom," I said, at an appropriate moment, "it hurts me when you say things like that." She gave me one of her exasperated sighs, and glared at me. "You were always so sensitive!" she said.

It is well known that the abuser turns the fault back onto the victim. Now my sister — less sensitive, I guess — wonders why I don't feel guilt for my absence.

STILL BRUISED IN WASHINGTON

DEAR STILL BRUISED: That letter touched a nerve with many readers, who felt my answer did not go far enough. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Although you were right that "Emotionally Bruised" should tell her mother how she feels, it may not resolve the problem. I followed that advice, and what followed was Mom calling me for several days, crying and saying I had "misinterpreted" what she had said. The same pattern occurred again and again. If I spoke up, the crying began.

Sometimes you have to protect yourself from your own mother. You may have to accept that she will never change, so distance yourself. No one should have to take abuse. Continue to visit, but when she starts her lectures, say, "Sorry, Mom, I have to go," then make your exit and don't look back.

FREER AND HAPPIER NOW

DEAR FREER: Call me an optimist, but I thought confronting the offending parent and explaining how the criticisms made her feel might be enough. There is no "one size fits all" answer to a problem like this, because some families are more dysfunctional than others. However, I would recommend avoiding the parent only as a last resort. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: My mother also constantly insulted me. I never lived up to her standards. She disliked my friends, one in particular because her brother had gotten into trouble. My girlfriend never got into trouble. I never did, either. I never even smoked or drank.

I was always told that I'd be a failure and would never graduate from high school. Not only did I graduate, but I went on to two business schools, and was on the President's List and the honor roll.

When I met the man I eventually married, Mom hated him and made no bones about it. She tried to break us up whenever we visited her, and called on the telephone and tried to start something. When I learned it was impossible for me to have children, she blamed me for it. She said if I lost weight, I would be able to give her grandkids. I never could convince her otherwise.

My mother was always "disowning" me. Many times I tried to keep us together, but one day, I'd had it. She disowned me — and I never went back. Since then, my life has improved dramatically. For the first time in my life, I had peace. I used to do a lot of crying, but that stopped, too.

Mother is dead now, and finally we are both at peace.

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Dr. Gott by Peter Gott, M.D.

How many doctors does a woman need?

By Peter H. Gott, M.D.

DEAR DR. GOTT: In my community, gynecologists take care of women's health, including problems not related to the reproductive tract, whereas men go to internists. Should a woman have both?

DEAR READER: Customs vary from region to region, depending on the availability of doctors and the preferences of their patients. In underserved areas, general practitioners usually take care of most of the family's routine problems and check-ups. In contrast, urban patients, who are not always urbane, tend to have a plethora of specialists; for example, I once treated a visitor from New York City who refused to take a cold remedy until she had checked it out with her neuro-endocrinologist. On a less absurd level, many women simply feel more comfortable, for one reason or another, using their gynecologists as primary care physicians.

As a general internist, I prefer to use gynecologists as consultants. In my view, they should limit their practices to the female reproductive system — and leave the rest to us, the internists and family practitioners.

I doubt that a woman needs both a gynecologist and a general medical doctor. One or the other will do. In the long run, I believe you will obtain more balanced primary care from an internist or family doctor, either of whom should be well-equipped to perform annual pap smears and other routine gynecological tests.

To give you related information, I am sending you a copy of my Health Report "Medical Specialists." Other readers who would like a copy should send $2 plus a long, self-addressed, stamped envelope to P.O. Box 2017, Murray Hill Station, New York, NY 10156. Be sure to mention the title.

DEAR DR. GOTT: I am a healthy 31-year-old mother of two. Every time I have an orgasm, I get a rotten migraine headache that lasts for two days, complete with nausea, flashing lights and so forth. I have been examined by four different doctors and each one looks at me as though I came from outer space. What do you think?

DEAR READER: I think that your doctors are from outer space. Sexual excitement and orgasm can trigger migraine headaches in susceptible individuals. Find a doctor who is an earthling and ask for a prescription for propanolol, a beta-blocker that often prevents migraine. Ten milligrams three or four times a day, during your periods of sexual activity, may solve your problem. Let me know what happens.

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DR. GOTT



PETER GOTT, M.D.

Coffee study is planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Millions of Americans know the therapy a cup of coffee can deliver early in the morning.

Researchers at Vanderbilt University say it's possible coffee could do more, perhaps even help people who suffer from depression and alcoholism.

"People drink coffee because they like it or they like the way it makes them feel," Peter Martin, director of Vanderbilt University's Addiction Center, said Wednesday. "My suggestion is that we really don't know what causes those effects."

Vanderbilt is scheduled to open its Institute for Coffee Studies within the next six months, thanks to $6 million in funding from trade groups in leading coffee-producing nations in Latin America, including Brazil and Colombia.

Some studies have suggested coffee can help relieve depression, treat alcoholism and prevent colorectal cancer. The institute's mission is to understand why.

"We're going to help people get over the idea that coffee is caffeine," said Martin, who will head the institute. "Caffeine actually is a very small component of coffee. There are a lot of other components in coffee that are not very well understood."

Some studies have suggested that caffeine might slightly boost blood pressure and blood cholesterol levels.

But Edward Giovannucci, an assistant professor of medicine at the Harvard Medical School, said most Americans have nothing to worry about.

He spent a year reviewing medical literature on the health benefits of coffee drinking and found the risk of colorectal cancer drops 24 percent among those who drink four or more cups of coffee a day.

"I wouldn't tell people to go out and start drinking coffee," Giovannucci said. "But there isn't much harm in drinking coffee."

Datebook

The only wild card team to win a Super Bowl was the Oakland Raiders.

Jan. 21, 1999

Today is the 21st day of 1999 and the 32nd day of winter.

TODAY'S HISTORY: On this day in 1789, the first novel published in the United States, William Hill Brown's "The Power of Sympathy," went on sale.

On this day in 1957, Patsy Cline made her television debut, appearing on "Arthur Godfrey's Talent Scouts."

On this day in 1985, President Ronald Reagan was inaugurated. He was the first President to take the oath of office in the Capitol rotunda.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS: Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson (1824-1863), Confederate general; Telly Savalas (1924-1994), actor; Benny Hill (1925-1992), comedian; Jack Nicklaus (1940-), golfer, is 59; Placido Domingo (1941-), opera singer, is 58; Jill Eikenberry (1947-), actress, is 52; Geena Davis (1957-), actress, is 42; Hakeem Olajuwon (1963-), basketball player, is 36.

TODAY'S SPORTS: On this day in 1979, the Pittsburgh Steelers defeated the Dallas Cowboys 35-31 to win Super Bowl XIII. The Steelers were the first team to win the Super Bowl three times.

TODAY'S QUOTE: "The lawyer's first thought in the morning is how to handle the case of the ringing alarm clock." — Edward Packard Jr.

TODAY'S MOON: Between new moon (Jan. 17) and first quarter (Jan. 24).

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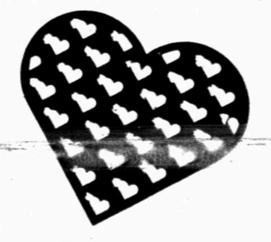


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Top contenders court conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lamar Alexander says George W. Bush is a man of many "weasel words," and Gary Bauer says the Texas governor is something less than a Reagan Republican.

The two likely GOP presidential candidates are courting conservatives by contrasting themselves to Bush at a three-day Conservative Political Action Conference that opened today. Though he has not decided whether to seek the GOP nomination, the son of former President George Bush is likely to do so and would be the early favorite.

Without mentioning Bush by name, another likely candidate, millionaire businessman Steve Forbes denounced "mushy moderates" who will "take us down to defeat once again."

"You must give people compelling reasons to vote for you. Mealy-mouthed rhetoric and poll-tested cliches are no substitute for substantive agendas. A party that loses sight of its values and principles loses elections."

Across the Potomac River, the Republican National Committee is holding its winter meeting to decide whether disappointing 1998 election results are reason enough to oust chairman Jim Nicholson. Florida GOP chairman Tom Slade, trying to prevent a second Nicholson term, has reported some momentum in recent days but still is in an uphill battle, GOP officials say.

The meeting begins today. The election is Friday.

At the CPAC meeting, a gathering of the party's most active conservatives, Alexander is saying Bush should stop describing himself as a "compassionate conservative."

"Is Mr. Bush trying to tell us that he's not like the rest of us conservatives? That conservatism, as a political philosophy, is ... without compassion?" Alexander said in a text prepared for delivery today.

He referred to the slogan dismissively as "weasel words" — designed to "confuse people by meaning nothing." Alexander warned his audience about politicians like Bush who qualify conservatism with poll-tested modifiers.

He singled out Bush's father who called himself a "kinder and gentler" Republican.

"Not long after we qualified our language, we were qualifying our principles. We accepted a tax increase — violating the bedrock conservative principle of lower taxes and smaller government — and soon found ourselves vacating the White House for the first time in 12 years," he said.

Alexander knows that the younger Bush is viewed skeptically by many conservatives who feel his father was never committed to their cause. Alexander hopes the criticism earns him support from conservative activists, many of whom consider the former Tservative activist himself, but he is little-known and has no campaign experience.

New legislation would affect electric utilities

AUSTIN (AP) — Most consumers would see a 5 percent decrease in their electric rates in 2002 under legislation filed Wednesday to deregulate the state's $50 billion electric utility market.

"The time is right to restructure the electric industry to give consumers a chance to buy their electricity at the best price possible," said Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco.

If passed, Sibley's bill would freeze electric rates starting Sept. 1 for consumers served by investor-owned electric companies, then decrease them in 2002. That would cover more than 70 percent of the state's 8.6 million electric customers.

Rates would be frozen at the reduced level for five years, or until 40 percent of the electricity in a particular market provided by two or more utilities.

"The bill will create a robust, competitive environment that should give consumers who shop around an even better deal," said Sibley, who has five Senate cosponsors on the bill.

The bill also proposes using ratepayer-backed bonds to pay off the lingering debts of Texas utilities, estimated at about $4 billion.

A similar proposal caused a deregulation bill to unravel during the 1997 session when rural cooperatives withdrew their support because they said bond provisions were too complicated.

Those same cooperatives, which provide electricity to about 3 million Texans, stand behind this bill. It gives the cooperatives and municipal utilities the option of not opening their markets to competition, and it doesn't require them to offer a rate reduction.

Sibley's legislation contains "critical consumer safeguards, while creating the framework for meaningful choice for both urban and rural consumers," said Mike Williams, president of Texas Electric Cooperatives, which represents the state's 83 cooperatives.

"This gives them the flexibility to see how the market develops and to determine whether that competition will bring benefits to their consumer owners," said Mark Zion, executive director of the Texas Public Power Association, which represents the 75 municipal utilities in Texas.

The fight over whether the utilities looking at paying off debts for power plants — so-called stranded costs — get money up front through bond proceeds or long-term through a variety of fees is expected to be one of the more heated aspects of the debate.

Legislation filed by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, would pay the costs through fees on utility bills.

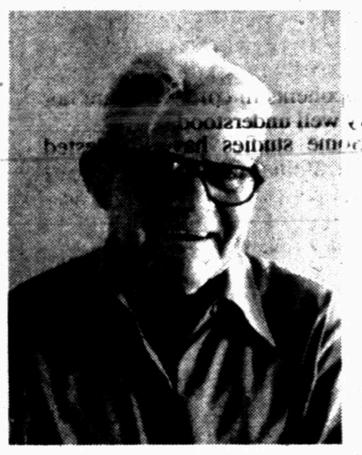
Consumer groups say paying 100 percent of the stranded costs the utilities request is a mistake and that the debts are due to bad investments.

"This bill sticks consumers with the bill for the utilities' mistakes," said Tom Smith, director of the consumer group Public Citizen.

The bill also addresses how to create competition where existing utilities currently own most of the power plants in a certain geographic area.

No single provider — like TU Electric and Houston Lighting & Power — could control more than 20 percent of the generating capacity in one region.

Obituaries



Emmitt G. White

Emmitt G. White

1907-1999

Emmitt G. White, a longtime Hermleigh area resident, died at 12:25 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in Lubbock's Covenant Medical Center after a lengthy illness.

Funeral service for Mr. White, 91, is set for 10 a.m. Saturday in the Bell-Cypert-Seale Funeral Home Chapel. The Rev. Miller Robinson, retired Baptist minister, will officiate. Burial will follow in Hillside Memorial Gardens.

He was born on April 10, 1907 in Belton County, and walked from there to Scurry County behind a covered wagon when he was 10 years old. He farmed most of his life and worked as a dozer operator for Dewey Everett for many years.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Oma White; and a brother, Jesse White.

Survivors include his sister, Jean Sharp of Hermleigh; nephews, Doyle Eugene Sharp of Hermleigh, J. B. White and his wife, Pattie, and son, Jason of Capitan, N.M., Ronnie White and his wife, Barbara of Dallas, Ray Brown family of Clyde, S.C. Sharp family of Gail, Ed Gill family of Snyder, David McIntosh family of Snyder, Jimmy Tate family of Snyder; nieces, Jane Baker of Fluvanna and Bernice Henderson and family of Snyder; and a sister-in-law, Hazel Sneed of Fluvanna.

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GOP willing to set aside most of surplus while SS debated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A key House committee chairman says Republicans are willing to set aside most of the budget surplus until lawmakers can agree on a solution to Social Security's financial problems, as President Clinton has asked.

"We would be willing to reserve 62 percent of the surplus until Social Security has been saved," Rep. Bill Archer of Texas, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee said today. He still intends, however, to push for tax cuts with the rest of the surplus.

Archer and many Republicans still do not agree with the details of the Social Security rescue plan outlined in the president's State of the Union speech Tuesday. GOP lawmakers especially dislike Clinton's proposal to have the government invest some Social Security money in the stock market.

However, Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, the senior Democrat on Ways and Means, said an agreement on allotting the surplus "is one heck of a great beginning."

Rangel said that in turn, he is willing to discuss the tax cuts Republicans want. He said the idea of government stock market investments do not have to be a sticking point on Social Security.

"We can put that on the side. That's a serious dispute. I do not think it's going to be resolved," Rangel said.

The Ways and Means Committee has jurisdiction over both taxes and Social Security in the House. Today the panel was questioning the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr, chairman of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition and former Republican vice presidential nominee Jack Kemp about their views on Social Security.

Clinton has suggested using 62 percent of government surpluses over the next 15 years to bolster Social Security's cash reserves.

Administration officials say the president will push for the government to invest about a quarter of that money in the stock market, despite swift criticism, not only from congressional Republicans, but also Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan.

"We strongly share the concern that such investment be independent and nonpolitical ... but we feel that we are capable of doing this wisely and safely," said presidential adviser Gene Sperling.

Fannie Mae, NAACP are partners

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mortgage-market giant Fannie Mae and the NAACP announced a partnership today to help at least 20,000 black families get information on home ownership.

Fannie Mae will provide up to $110 million in special financing for black families unable to afford big down payments; they will be able to put down as little as 3 percent to 5 percent of the home's value.

Fannie Mae also committed to finance an unlimited number of mortgages for qualified families recommended by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the nation's oldest civil rights organization.

The traditional credit requirements will be eased for black families whose credit histories were marred by burdensome medical expenses.

"We put all of our will and wallet behind it," Franklin Raines, Fannie Mae's new chairman and chief executive officer, told a news conference. The goal is to allow African-Americans to become homeowners "without discrimination, without exclusion and without needless barriers and burdens."

Raines noted that while 73 percent of white families own their own home, only about 45 percent of black and Hispanic families are homeowners.

Fannie Mae has helped the NAACP generate more than $120 million of mortgage financing for its clients over the past five years, and the new program should help double or triple that amount, Raines said.

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The Rolling Plains Texas A&M Mother's Club will meet at 6 this evenig in the home of Pat Anderson, 2609 47th Street. All Aggie moms, former students or interested persons are invited to attend. For more information call 573-3178 or 235-1031.

Stanfield parent-council meeting

The Stanfield Elementary parent-council meeting will be held at 7 tonight in the library.

Clogging lessons

Deep Creek Cloggers will start beginner lessons at 6:30 this eveing at the American Legion. For more information, call after 5 p.m. to 573-3315 or 573-0807.

Planetarium shows

The refurbished planetarium at Western Texas College is again available for group shows Thursday evenings and all day on Fridays. The shows are by reservation only and there is no charge. There are three presentations available in the 59-seat auditorium, one for pre-K, another for K through 4, and one for general audiences. For reservations contact Sharon Gill at WTC, 573-8511, ext. 312.

Jeremiah People to sing

The Jeremiah People, a Christian musical theatre group, will be presenting their new program from 7-8:45 tonight at Colonial Hill Baptist Church.

Scholastic book fair

Snyder Head Start will have a scholastic book fair from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1-6 p.m. Monday through Friday of next week. For more information call 573-7403 or 573-1784.

Bible study tapes

Bible study video tapes air weekly on cable TV channel 2. The tapes to be shown at 7 p.m. Monday are "Jesus Through the Eyes of James," followed by "Where Have All the Fathers Gone."

Ira Bulldog annual

Ira's 1999 Bulldog annuals are on sale until Tuesday, the last time they will be offered this school year. The cost is $26 with name on cover or $22 without. Contact Becky Hudgins at the school. Only a few are left.

Ira spring casual pictures

Next Wednesday, spring portraits and friendship pictures will be taken at Ira School. Each person will be photographed and each class will be photographed as a group. Friendship pictures will be taken, with a limit of six people per picture, at a cost of $2 per person, sitting fee. Families may also set up a time with the school to be photographed.

LL coaches needed

Anyone interested in managing a Little League, minor league (farm league) or an 8 & 9 year-old-team this summer should contact Sid Wall at 574-6818, or go by Caprock Security at 2517 College Ave. by Jan. 29.

Library reading day

WTC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, plus local senior citizens, will be presenting a reading day at the library on Jan. 30 from 10 a.m. until noon. All kids and parents are invited and anyone who signs up for a library card during this time will be eligible for a special drawing.

UW recognition luncheon

The annual United Way recognition luncheon for volunteers will be held at noon Feb. 1 at The Shack.

Buckeye donkey basketball

Ira schools will host Buckeye donkey basketball on Monday, Feb. 1 at the Ira gym at 7 p.m. For advance tickets, call the Ira school office at 573-2628.

Pick 3

AUSTIN (AP) — The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery, in order:
0-8-4

Lotto Texas

By The Associated Press

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket would have been worth an estimated $18 million.

The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 50 were: 07-11-14-25-35-46

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated $23 million.

SUPER BOWL TRIVIA CONTEST

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In each advertisement on this page you will find the a Super Bowl Trivia question. On the entry blank at the bottom of the page, fill in the answers to the questions... next to the business firm on the entry blank. Just so it won't be too difficult, the answers are scattered throughout today's SDN - look closely. Then clip out the entry blank and send it to **SUPER BOWL TRIVIA EDITOR, SNYDER DAILY NEWS, BOX 949, SNYDER, TEXAS 79550,** or bring it by the news office at **3600 COLLEGE AVE.** Entries must be in the hands of the editor by 5:00 p.m. Friday, January 29, 1999. Every entrant with the correct answers will have their entry placed in a hopper from which three prize winners will be drawn. Winners will be announced Monday, February 1, 1999

There will be fun for the entire family. Only one entry blank will be permitted for any one person. Entries must be on the official entry blank (no copies). Employees of the SDN and their families are not eligible to enter.

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